TORBAY COUNCIL

Item 8 – Revenue and Capital Budget 2026-2027
Opposition Partnership Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 26 February 2026

Proposed amendment – Street Name Signs Renewal/Repair
(Constitution Reference: Council Meeting Standing Order A13.4)

(Amendments shown in bold text)

1.   that Council Tax is increased by 4.99% for 2026/27, which includes a 2.99% increase plus a 2% levy for Adult Social care);

2.   that for 2026/27 net revenue expenditure of £205.3m, resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £101.2m, (a 4.99% increase in Council Tax, of which 2% is for Adult Social Care), be approved, **subject to the allocation of £50,000 one off funding to support a programme for improving the appearance of street name signage across Torbay. This would focus on cleaning, refurbishment and repair (on a prioritised basis); and this funding to be identified from the Paignton and Preston Waterfront reduced income allocation of £300,000**;

3.   that the proposed Fees and Charges for 2026/27 be approved;

4.   that, in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2003, the advice given by the Chief Finance Officer with respect to the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's Reserves, (as set out in the Reserves Statement published in November 2025), be noted;

5.   that it be noted that the Brixham Town Council precept for 2026/27 of £656,123 will be included as part of the Torbay Council budget for Council Tax setting purposes;

6.   that the Capital Strategy 2026/27 and Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27 be approved as published for Cabinet on 2 December 2025;

7.   that any technical adjustments to the Revenue and Capital Budget be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance; and

8.   that it is agreed that any underspend from the current financial year, (2025/2026), will be considered for allocation into priority areas, which take into account the consultation results on the 2026/2027 budget.

Proposer: Councillor Long

Seconder: Councillor Cowell